

Title: SYSTEMS, METHODS, AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING A CONTAINER ASSOCIATED WITH AN ITEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Systems and methods are provided to monitor a container associated with an item. According to one embodiment, an indication that a container has been opened is received. For example, the container may transmit a signal when a person opens the container to access an item. Based on the received indication, ownership of the item may be

5 transferred and/or another item may be provided (e.g., to the person who opened the container). According to other embodiments, item quality information, item warranty information, and/or security information are determined based on the received indication. According to still other embodiments, a sender receives a notification based on the indication or the indication is recorded as an acceptance of an agreement. In yet another

10 embodiment, the indication is used to verify that the container was opened in accordance with an item requirement.